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Poetry.

Death of King Cotton.

BY C. D. STUART.

A wail from the Sonthern palace ! A wail from the Southern hall ! For a King a poisoned chalice Has drank, and must surely fall ; And the King is " Old King Cotton," Who a braggart used to be, While the Union gavehim empire By the Gulf shore and the sea-But throneless now and crownless. A dead old King is he!

In his mighty prime he perished, And by his own hand he fell; The suicide's doom he cherished, So toll him no christian knell : A bloody bluffer and ruffian, A scorner of all men free, None but slave drivers will mourn him By the Gulf-shore and the sea-For throneless now and crownless, A dead old King is he !

Miscellany.

The Bible and the Sword.

BY FLETCHER, OF MADELEY.

Among those who were prominent in the early history of our Church, none gave evidence of more fervent piety and deep devotion than John Fletcher. His views on the subject of war appear peculiarly applicable at this time in our national history. We clip from the Methodist the following extract from his writings, which are worthy of a afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; careful perusal:

" To return from the preceding Scriptural allows, yea, commands the sword to be drawn shall be devoured by the sword, Isaiah 1: the infatuated people who bear arms in their er to execute wrath upon him that doeth defence, as the Benjamites formerly did .- evil, Rom. 13; 4. Hence it appears that (2.) That, in this case, a sister tribe may the king is intrusted with the sword, and if conscientiously draw the sword against an he does not use it to execute wrath upon crimobstinate sister tribe. (3:) That Providence, inals, he bears the sword in vain, and defeats to try the patience of those who are in the right, may permit that they should suffer governors are sent by God for the punishgreat losses. (4.) That while the maintain. ment of evil doors, 1 Pet. 2: 14. ers of order and justice draw the sword to check daring licentiousness, it is their duty to go up unto the house of God, and to weep and fast before the Lord. (5.) That God waymen, and executioners to put them to We are poorer to-day than we were but lately, makes a difference between the enthusiastical death. And yet they blame the use of an but oh! upspeakable richer, too; we are sadabetters of felonious practices, who fast to army. Is not their conduct, in this respect der, but wiser; we are weaker but also smite their brethren and rulers with the fist highly unreasonable? For, after all, what stronger. We have put away childish things, of wickedness, and the steady governors who, together with their people, fast to smite the wicked with the sceptre of righteousness; and that, while God testifies his abhorrence of the justice's warrant, against an unarmed outlaw, that for our selves and for our posterity we former fast, he shows that the latter ranks or a defenceless debtor, can it be wrong to must suffer, it need be, what yet remains beamong the fasts which he has chosen, the end send thirty thousand armed constables, with hind of the suffering of our Revolutionary of true fasting being to repress evil without the sovereign's warrant, to disarm a countless sires. There is, then, a rivival of patriotism us, as we'll as within us. And lastly, that, although no war is so dreadful as a civil war, yet, when God was consulted three times following, all his answers show that the most bloody civil war is preferable to the horrible consequences of daring anarchy: and that it is better to maintain order and execute jus- public. I heartily wish we were virtuous tice, with the loss of thousands of soldiers, lust, rapaciousness, and ferocity prompt them

Now if fasting and drawing the sword of sword are compatible ordinances.

· But supposing war and bloodshed were alhis Gospel the Gospel of Peace?' This objection is specious, and deserves a

full answer, 1. Our Lord, who said to his Apostles that a kind of raging spirit goeth not out is enough,' Luke 22: 36, 38. I grant that ors, who are his political representatives. when 'Peter drew his sword, and [rashly] it appears that our Lord allows his followers that he charged them to " do violence or in-

every nominal Christian was led by the spir- mind from his forerunner; for he praised a it of Christ, there would be absolutely no centurion, or captain in the Roman army, A crowd soon collected; the story was told; need of the sword; for there would be noth- declaring "he had not found such faith in Is- and the driver set out for the wooden house need of the sword, for there would be dotted in the world. rael," as he discovered in that Gentile; and in Brooklyn, where the young lady was safe-But reason dictates, that so long as the wick- he parted from him, as Peter afterwards did by deposited in the care of her kind relatives. ed shall use the sword in support of vice, the from Cernelius and his devout soldiers, with- Ledger.

defence of virtue. The Lord of hosts, and ion was unlawful. From the whole I infer, Captain of our salvation, who girds his two- that if christianity allow a man to be a soledged sword upon his thigh, or causes it to dier, it allows him to fight for the maintenproceed out of his mouth to devour the wick- ance of order. ed-this righteous Lion of the tribe of Judah will never suffer Satan and his servants so to bear the swords as to engross the use of it. This would be letting them have the kingdom, the power, and the glory, without ontrol.

3. The Psalms and Revelation are full of prophecies concerning the righteous wars which the godly will wage against the wicked before iniquity be rooted out of the earth .-the earth as the waters do the sea, Isaiah's prophecy shall be fulfilled. 'It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of on the latter point, in which it says :the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and all nations shall flow unto it. The Lord shall then judge among the nations, etc., and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more,' Isaiah 2: 2, 4. But till this happy time come, whenever one nation, unjustly rises up against another, it will be in all those virtues which contribute to make needful to oppose righteous force to unrighteous violence. It is absurd, therefore, to tianity. The hour that has fallen upon the measure the duty of Christians who shall land has changed these apprehensions into live when all lawless men shall have been de-

4. St. Paul asserts the lawfulness of using the sword in order to maintain good government and execute justice. Hear his doctrine : The ruler is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be for he is the minister of God, [of that God

who says: 'If ye be obedient, ye shall cat account, it evidently appears, (1.) That God the good of the land; but if ye rebel, ye for the punishment of daring felons and of 19, 20, and, of consequence, he is] a reveng-

5. Some people rejoice that we have watchmen to guard our streets, constables to apprehend house-breakers, jailers to confine high- new national life has decended upon us. are soldiers but watchmen, constables, jailers; childish quarrels and puerile pursuits, and and, if need be, executioners? It it be have the feeling that we are men and citizens, right to send an unarmed constable, with a multitude of lawlesss men, who assume the such as the country wants. Let us thank supreme power of the sword with as much God for it." propriety as the Pope does the power of the keys of heaven and hell?

6. Soldiers, like watchmen, jailers' and executioners, are a needful burden upon the enough to do without them; but as this is To conclude if christianity had prohibited

righteous, who are in power, must use it in jout giving him the least hint that his profess-

The Spirit of the North-The Morale of The War.

Our religious exchanges still abound in editorials on the war. All of them, so far as we can observe, are of one sentimentthat the Northern cause is righteous; that When the place of the ungodly shall know the popular demonstration for it is proof of them no more, and right+ousness shall cover the patriotic virtue of the Republic. The Intelligencer has a happily conceived article

"Prosperity induces prodigality, and prodignlity soon runs into selfishness. The contagion of vice quickly spreads. And hence, in public prints and in private parlors, the thought came to be freely expressed, that American society was fast hastening to deeay; that civic virtues were the exception, and not the rule; and that everywhere, with the increase of wealth, there was a decrease a heroic patriotism and magnanimous Chrisjoyful admiration of the courage with which men have rushed like a torrent to the flag which symbolizes Union, Law, Freedom. The spring of the Southern rattle-nake at tho throat of the American eagle caused the scream of the national bird to resound over the land like the resurrection trump. The very tombs seemed to hear. The graves of of patriotic sires gave back the echo. And from mountain side and river bank, from forest and from city, from the counting house and from beside the plough, men started up, an exceeding great army, to serve their country in its hour of peril. The millionaire poured forth his treasures, and the mechanie gave himself, his skill, or his wages, to the common cause. Mothers, with the dignity of Roman matrons, devoted their sons; and wives, with smiling benedictions and hearts upraised in prayer, sent forth their country. Truly, our country of to-day is not the counupon whom God has laid great duties; and

A Connecticut Girl's Dilemma.

A beautiful young girl from Connecticut, who has an uncle living in Brooklyn, came to than to let the mobbing sons of Belial com- not the case, they are a strong, bitter, and the city a short time since for the purpose of mit with impunity all the crimes which their costly remedy, which is absolutely necessary visiting her relatives. She arrived at the to prevent or cure our lientiousness. So long station of the New Haven railroad in Twenas human bodies shall want to be preserved ty-Seventh street, about five o'clock in the by the amputation of painful, mortifying afternoon and being bewildered by the crowd justice be duties consistent with Scriptural limbs, we shall want surgeons; and so long and the noise and rush of men and vehicles, religion, it follows that praying and using the as political bodies shall be in danger of be- she knew not which way to turn. Finally ing destroyed by the moral corruption of summoning up courage to speak to a welltheir members, we shall want soldiers to do dressed man whom she saw standing a little lowed under the Jewish dispensation, are bloody operations. May the Lord grant us apart from the crowd, she asked him if he they not absolutely forbidden under the Gos- a constant succession of wise, conscientious, could tell her which way to go to find her unpel? Is not Christ the Prince of Peace, and mild and yet steady rulers, who may never cle's house in Brooklyn, at the same time use it but with the same tenderness with which | showing him the name and address on a card. a surgeon uses his knife when he cuts a mor- He said he was going right by the door of her tified limb from the body of a beloved child. uncle's house himself, and if she would like His heart bleeds, while the dreadful operation to do so, she might ride in his carriage right is performed; and yet his judicious, parental to the spot. The innocent girl gladly acceptbut by fasting and prayer, said also to them : affection makes him consent to sacrifice a part | ed the offer and the "gentleman," taking her He that hath no sword let him sell his gar- of his son's body in order to prevent the de- check, obtained her trunk, had it strapped bement and buy one. And they said, Lord, be- struction of the whole. As punishing is God's hind a carriage in which he had placed her, hold, here are two swords; and he said, It strange work, so should it be that of govern- and giving the driver orders in a low tone, got into the vehicle, and away trey went --After a while they stopped before a brick struck a servant of the high priest, Jesus said fighting for the execution of justice, the con- house in a dingy street, and her companion unto him, Put up again thy sword into its tinuance of peace, and the support of good informed the entrapped girl that that was her place; for all they that take the sword to government, when penitent soldiers asked her uncle's house. "But we have not crosuse it rashly, as thou dost, without any order, John the Baptist "What shall we do?" he sed any ferry," said she, "and besides, my and without the least probability of success] would undoubtedly have intimated that they uncle's house is a wooden one; he described shall perish with the sword, Matt. 26: 52 should renounce their bloody profession as it to me in one of his letters." The villain From the whole of this evangelical account, soon as they could. But instead of doing was taken aback at this, but quickly recovering, replied that her uncle had recently moved. the use of the sword; and that he only blames justice to no man and be content with their But the Connecticut girl was aroused; she it when it is precipitate, and likely to ans- wages;" a direction which amounted to bid- remembered of reading how defenceless girls wer no other end that of throwing the tri- ding them to continue to serve their country, had been kidnapped in this great Babel; and umphant friends of vice into a greater rage. by helping the ruler not to bear the sword in at once up a series of screams for aid, which 2. If, indeed, all men were Christians, and vain." Nor was our Lord of a different caused her persecutor to jump from the carriage and dash around the nearest corner .--

Old Peter.

Peter was an old sailor. A vessel in which he once shipped was struck by lightning and one of his shipmates was killed. It sobered Peter. It made him think, he said. of the judgment day. He went to his locker and took out his Bible. 'I want to find the Pilot that can weather me through that storm,' said Peter; 'it's scary business, shipmates, to find us on a lee-shore there, with the rocks of our sins right 'long side, and hell yawning not far off."

Peter took to his Bible. He did not make much headway until he came into port, and went straight to a Bethel, or a sailor's church which he did as soon as he was off duty.

· I want to find the good Pilot,' said Peter to the minister after s rvices.

The great Captain of your salvation, Jesus Christ," said the minister : ' he's here .-He's nigh to every poor sinner that calls upon him.

'I'm one of em,' said Peter, the tears streaming down his sunbarnt cheeks, and I want to ship in his service. I am pretty near waterlogged in my sins; I ha'n't any chart, compass, or anchor, and I'm drifting to perdition. I want the Pilot that went to the fishing smack on Galilee, and said to the skipper when he was well nigh sinking, ' It is I; be not afreid.' How shall I get at him?'

· Down on your knees, Peter, and pray; tell him just how you feel, and just what you want, and don't give up or put off till you find him; for He says himself, 'Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find.'

Peter and the minister knelt down to pray in the Bethel, for the people had gone, and and Peter cried mightily unto the Lord .-Save me, Lord, or I perish,' was the burden of his prayer.

And the next time the shipmates saw Peter he really seemed a 'new man.' Some people say you cannot get religion in a miuuto; but the fact is it does not take God long to parden your sins, if you only are honestly setting out to get them pardoned .---It does not take long for a man to tack about when he once sees he is on the tack of ruin.

Right about ' from a bad road to a goo one may be done as fast as steps can carry you; but it can't be done without the first step, and that is really the decisive, the most important step of all. 'Turn, sinner, turn.' 'Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart.' And God will forgive a poor sinner, and receive him to favor, and make him one of his people, just as soon as he does this. So that getting religion,' as some people call it, or being saved from the dreadful consequences of your sins by the blood of Jesus Christ, who died 'the just for the unjust,' may be, and really is a very short work; it is a simple act on your part-a childlike giving up of yourself to God. This is what the penitent thief on the cross did; and he had time to do no more. Building up a religious character indeed takes time; it is the growth of months and years.

Well, from that time Peter was 'a new man.' People saw that he was indeed the old weather-beaten tar he was before, but a changed spirit was in the man. Instead of the swearing, drinking, reckless, spending old Peter, he was clean mouthed, sober, humble, anxious to have everybody else ship in the same servisce he had.

'Don't put it off,' he used to say. Bible in hand, he is talking to an old sailor. 'I must take time to think of it,' says he. To think of what?' cried old Peter; 'whether you are a sinner? You know you are .-Whether you'll be lost if you die as you are? You know you will. Whether the Lord Jesus can save you? You know he can. Breakers are ahead. Your anchors won't hold you. Don't put it off.'

'I am not so bad as you think; I am not so had as others,' says another.

· But you are bad enough,' cries old Peter. The best sinner on earth is too brd for heaven. One sin ruined Adam. You are drifting to perdition. This calm is dreadful .-Your keel will soon ground on the rocks .--Would that you would cry out now, ' God be merciful to me a sinner! ' A storm is brewing. Hail the great Pilo'. Don't put it off."

Old Peter loved the young people. 'Bless God that you are young,' he used to say. They that seek me early shall find me.' The great Captain of our salvation loves the young. Ship in his servise, boys. . Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not. Then your rudder never'll snap ; you'll never drag your anchors; the devil's craft will never run into you. Ship in His service, boys, and don't put it off.'-Child's Paper.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT MENDOZA .- The last accounts respecting the earthquake at Mendoza are even worse than those previously received, as it has been ascertained that upward of eleven thousand people perished in this dreadful catastrophe. The details of the sufferings of the survivors are very sad, but throughout Chili everything was being done to relieve the distress.